

Good afternoon Sunnyside families;

As we move into the second half of April, there are a lot of exciting things happening at Sunnyside Elementary that we want to share with you. Today is a lovely, sunny spring day. As all of you know, we value the time that students spend outside at recess, lunch and sometimes with their classes at other times during the day. Students can get wet and muddy playing outside, so we recommend that all students keep a change of clothing in their backpacks in case they need them. This way, we do not need to be calling you in the middle of the day to bring clean, dry clothes to school. We also want to remind you that there are ticks outside at the school. It is important to remember to do tick checks on a regular basis.

**Lunch programs:** We have a number of lunch programs currently running at Eaglewood and our students are enjoying them so much. We have drop-in art and chess clubs each week and last week we trained 38 grade 4 & 5 students to be playground leaders. These 38 students learned leadership skills and playground games. They will now be leading games at recess and lunch for other interested students.

**Run club:** Mrs. Nobes began our annual run club this week. Interested students in grades 3-5 participate for 5 weeks to get ready for the Bluenose Marathon Kid's Run. This year, we are holding run club at lunch. Participants will be doing their running training with Mrs. Nobes and volunteers from 12:15-12:45 and then eating their lunch together in the gym. Our students love participating in run club and we love to see them do it.

**Home and School Association:** Our Home and School Association is busy getting ready for our annual BINGO event to be held on Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup> from 6-7:30 pm. Doors will open at 6:45. You can buy your cards on School Cash and pizza will be sold on-site. There are no pre-orders for pizza and it is first come, first served.

Our next HSA meeting will be held at the Eaglewood site on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. All parents, guardians and care-givers of Sunnyside students are welcome to attend.

**School Advisory Council:** Our next SAC meeting will be held at the Eaglewood library on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 6-7. All parents, guardians and care-givers are welcome to attend to observe our meeting.

**Excel Program:** The HRCE Excel Program offers a recreation-based fee-for-service program before and after school for students of both Fort Sackville and Eaglewood. If you are interested in exploring registration for Excel, you can find more information [here](#). Sunnyside is Unit 3.

**Volunteering Opportunities:** Many classes are planning field trips and they will need volunteer chaperones for this. All volunteers at Sunnyside are required to adhere to criteria outlined in the provincial [Volunteer Background Check Policy](#). This includes having an up-to-date Criminal Records Check with Vulnerable Sector Search and Child Abuse Registry. If you are interested in volunteering at school and do not have this paperwork on file in the office, you can find all the necessary information and forms [here on our website](#). Once we have your paperwork on file, it is valid to volunteer at the school for three years.

**Thought Exchange:** You recently received an email about the public consultation on the changes to grade configurations at Sunnyside, Basinview, Bedford South and Rocky Lake Elementary. The Thought Exchange will now remain open until April 22 for all who wish to make comments, see others' opinions and rate comments.

### **Upcoming Dates**

April 18—Holiday for Good Friday—no school

April 21—Holiday for Easter Monday—no school

April 29—SAC meeting Eaglewood 6-7 pm

April 30—Professional Development—no school for students

May 1—HSA BINGO